

It will not be won with self-serving rhetoric that distorts history and bears little resemblance to reality.

The war against terrorism will be best fought by using our military selectively, as we are by tracking down al-Qaida in Afghanistan.

It will be best fought by building alliances, by working closely and cooperatively with the law enforcement and intelligence agencies of other countries to infiltrate terrorist networks, capture their leaders, and seize their assets.

It will be best fought by doing far more to help create economic opportunities for the hundreds of millions of impoverished people, particularly in Muslim countries, who have little more than their faith and their anger, and who are the terrorist recruiters' greatest hope.

And it will be best fought by giving far higher priority to strengthening our defenses here at home.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO KEN ROBINSON

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I want to remember Ken Robinson, a long time friend and community leader. Ken passed away on Friday, April 30, 2004 at the age of 89 years. I would like to pay tribute to the many contributions he has made to his community, to his profession, and to this country.

I have known Ken and his wife Mary Louise, both as personal friends and as the owners of the Bayard News, the Bagley Gazette, as well as several other Iowa newspapers. In 1940, he was one of the founders of the Bayard News which merged with the Bagley Gazette in 1973 to become the Bayard News Gazette. They received many awards over the years for their publishing including the National Newspaper Association's Amos Award which is given to a person who is considered to have done the most for the newspaper industry as well as for his own community.

When it came to being an advocate for publishers of newspapers in rural areas, Ken was the best. He was fearless, and nothing deterred him from approaching public officials, including the Post Master General or the President of the United States, to bring to their attention problems experienced by his newspaper readers due to delayed rural delivery service or postage price increases. He was a crusader in the best sense of the word when there was an issue that needed to be fixed.

He came to Washington, DC every year to participate in the annual conference sponsored by the National Newspaper Association. Ken was the one to ask the hard questions of the officials who would speak at the conference, holding their feet to the fire to follow up on commitments. At one association conference session at the White House, Iowa Newspaper Associa-

tion Director Bill Monroe remembers worrying about Ken and why he had not shown up in time for the meeting. Just before the meeting began, Ken came out of the Oval Office just before President Reagan came out to meet the group. He had been in the office promoting Bayard's sesquicentennial and had sold President Reagan a raffle ticket.

Ken also served as mayor of Bayard for 24 years, as a State representative, and was active in many organizations, including the League of Iowa Municipalities, the Democratic Party, the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, and the board of Iowa Public Television. He was an active and loyal alumnus of Drake University from where he graduated with a major in economics. During his college years, he was managing editor of the Drake Times Delphic where he primarily wrote sports articles.

Ken was born near Panora, IA in 1914. In his junior year of high school, he was stricken with polio. As a person with a disability, long before the ADA was passed, Ken found ways to overcome barriers to achieve his long-time dream of owning and publishing a newspaper. He not only achieved his dream, but with his passion for justice and his impatience with inaction, he became a strong voice for common sense and fairness. As a civic leader, he had the kind of "can-do" attitude that motivates others to get involved to get things done. Who knows what Ken might have achieved if the ADA had been implemented while he was involved in so many aspects of community life. In this spirit, Ken was the first recipient of the Easter Seals of America Award to honor a person with a disability who had provided outstanding service to government and to community.

Ken and Mary Louise have been great friends to me and I will never forget them. People such as Ken and Mary are an inspiration to us all. They are among the leaders who are the fabric that gives shape and color to our rural communities. They have spent their life making their community, State, and Nation better places to live, work and raise families. And for that, we are forever grateful.●

NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH—JUNE 2004

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, realizing the dream of homeownership is one of the greatest moments in a lifetime. I am pleased that June has been designated as National Homeownership Month and I have enjoyed working with my colleagues to increase the number of Americans who are able to own their own homes. Homeownership provides more than just a shelter. It is a symbol of security that more American families are enjoying each year.

Owning a home enhances our lives and contributes to thriving communities. Where homeownership flour-

ishes, communities are more secure, residents are more civic-minded, schools are better and crime rates decline.

Today, the national homeownership rate stands at 68 percent. I am proud of the great strides we have made in order to raise it to the highest rate ever. But if you take a close look at that statistic, you'll see that there is still much work to be done. The fact is that homeownership rates have risen the most among groups that have always had the highest ownership, while they've actually fallen for households with children and those headed by someone under the age of 55. In addition, African American and Hispanic households' homeownership rates still lag behind those of white households by more than 25 percentage points.

I support President Bush in his goal of expanding the number of minority home owners by 5.5 million by 2010. As the lead sponsor of S. 198, the New Homestead Economic Opportunity Act, I am confident this legislation would go a long way toward increasing the number of American home owners—particularly first-time and minority home buyers. S. 198 will provide a tax credit for single-family homeownership. Modeled after the successful low-income rental housing tax credit, this proposal would allow States to allocate Federal tax credits to developers and investors who provide single-family homes for purchase by qualified buyers in qualified areas.

The legislation is sound public policy and makes good economic sense. It would foster revitalization of both urban and rural areas and help working Americans currently priced out of the market to buy their first home. It is estimated that each year the credit would produce some 50,000 new and rehabilitated homes, 120,000 jobs, \$4 billion in wages and \$2 billion in taxes and fees.

President Bush has stated that a home is:

a foundation for families and a source of stability for communities. Part of economic security is owning your own home. Part of being a secure America is to encourage homeownership.

Today, in the midst of National Homeownership Month, those words ring even more loud and true. I ask that my colleagues show their support for homeownership by cosponsoring S. 198.●

HONORING STEPHAN KATHMAN AND DAVID SHEETS

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute and congratulate both Stephan Kathman of Covington, KY, and David Sheets of Lexington, KY, on being named two of the seventy-eight outstanding U.S. high school students to attend the 21st annual Research Science Institute (RSI). The Institute, sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the California Institute of Technology, will

take place this summer. Students in this program represent the upper one-percent of those in the United States who took the PSAT exam.

Science and technology is extremely important for the economic growth of this country, and we need to encourage young scholars to pursue careers of excellence and leadership in the field. These two young men and the others involved in this program are the future leaders of this country and deserve our recognition. These students are competitively selected to attend and, subsequently, are provided with assistance for the eight to ten years of their undergraduate and graduate studies.

So often we hear of failures of the U.S. educational system; however, students chosen for RSI are proof that good things are happening in our schools. Kentucky is doing its job to nurture some of the county's finest talent. I join my fellow Kentuckians to congratulate Stephan Kathman and David Sheets on their achievements and wish them luck this summer at the Research Science Institute.●

WVEMS

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to extend my congratulations and gratitude to the Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service, WVEMS, of Westport, CT, which is celebrating a quarter century of unparalleled dedication to public safety and public service.

Volunteerism is part of the American way, and the volunteer emergency personnel of WVEMS take on a particularly demanding and challenging form of community service. These men and women take time out of their busy lives and careers, or from well-earned retirement, to provide life-saving services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They work in close cooperation with police and fire departments, using state-of-the-art skills, in pre-hospital situations. WVEMS volunteers also perform other important community services, including teaching first aid and CPR classes.

The men and women of WVEMS have established a remarkable legacy. During their 25 years of service, they have logged over half a million volunteer hours and cared for over 45,000 ill or injured men, women, and children.

Fifteen of the original founders still serve with a selfless commitment to their cause, and each has been designated an American Red Cross Unsung Hero. These exceptional men and women are Edward and Elizabeth Audley, Patricia Audley, Sharon Barnett, Russel M. Blair, Susan DeWitt, Michael Feigin, Richard Frazier, Neil Harding, Thomas M. Keenan, Kathleen Todd, Alan Yoder, Isabel Blair, Alan Stolz, Nettie Skinner, and Pasquale Salvo. I would also like to commend Jay Paretsky and April Anne Yoder, who have also been with the WVEMS for a quarter century.

All of the other active members of the WVEMS certainly deserve our recognition, as well: William Puterbaugh, Norman Coltin, Sandra McPherson, Jeffrey T. Lea, Andrew Dinitz, Loretta S. Harsche, Marge Costa, Christine A. Evans, Todd M. Smith, Mark A. Blake, Anthony F. Santo, Donald E. Smith III, Thomas F. Burrows, Martha M. McGorry, Elizabeth Slattery, Chris VanDeusen, Diane Salvo, Benjamin Frimmer, Barbara F. Wood, Barbara Babash, Arlene M. Healy, Amy Smith, Linda Canterbury, Albert Bassett, Mary Jane Cross, KC Duffy, Linda Green, Carole Grob, Dorothy Harris, Gordon Joseloff, Chris Sanders, Whitney Cusa, James Flint, Nicole Donovan, Toni Cribari, Mary Minard, Terrence Blake, Michele Brewster, Michael Falbo, Cheryl Jones, Michael Quan, Rico Tiberio, Sylvia Lempit, Susannah Kehl, AnnaLiisa Joseloff, James Hinckley, Nanci Jenkins, David Heinmiller, Rainy Broomfield, Ronald Carkner, Donna Patchen, Robert Redman, Olivia Weeks, Courtenay Quinn, Joseph Devermann, Linda Gale, Jean Marie Wiesen, Nancy Strong, Gregory Coghlan, Paul Resnick, Barbra Utting, Adam Sappern, Nancy Fusaro, Wendy Hill, Megan Watson, Kristin Ancona, Kathryn Min, William Min, Susan Parks, Jamie Talbot, Michael Rickard, Marc Hartog, Michael Engelskirger, Craig Kupson, Elizabeth Jennings, Glenn Eisen, Angela Chichila, Anna Dowdle, Ashley Hawley, Andrea Hoboken, Dustin Schur, Jackie Stenson, Carol Boas, Yannick Passemart, Kerry Volmar, Michael Wilmot, Danielle Faul, David Bodach, Christin Giordano, Zack Klomberg, Jordan Kunkes, Alma Loya, Whitney Riggio, Kimber Roberts, Alicia Wong, Karen Bizzak, Margaret Russell, Richard Arriaga, Carol Dixon, Gabrielle O'Halloran, Daniel Rappaport, Dora Sweet, Lois Benfield, Adele Donohue, Susan Shewchuk, Nancy Toll, Pamela Newnham, Matthew Rees, Richard Celotto, John Sommers, Caroline Andrew, James Gray, Stephanie Howson, Rebecca Kamins, Kaitlyn Mello, Elizabeth Parks, Christian Renne, Rob Stewart, Emma Trucks, Christina Voonasis, Maryanne Boyle, Robert Dowling, Yashasvi Jhangiani, Maribeth Nixon and Steve Brothers.

To the men and women of WVEMS, thank you for going above and beyond the call of duty to serve those in need. Well done.●

JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, June is National Dairy Month, the country's oldest and largest celebration of dairy products and the people who have made the industry the success it is today. During June, Wisconsinites will hold nearly 100 dairy celebrations across our State, including dairy breakfasts, ice cream socials, cooking demonstrations, festivals and other events.

Every State in the Union has dairy farms, which together produce over 170

billion pounds of milk annually. In my home State of Wisconsin, dairy farmers produce approximately 22 billion pounds of milk and 25 percent of the country's butter a year. Some of the world's finest cheeses are produced within Wisconsin's borders, in addition to a variety of other outstanding dairy products for people to enjoy.

The nutritional benefits of milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, and other dairy products are important to keeping Americans healthy and strong. Strong scientific evidence published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and *JAMA* indicates that dairy foods may play a role in reducing the risk of nine common diseases and conditions: obesity, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, coronary artery disease, stroke, kidney stones, osteoporosis, colorectal cancer, and pregnancy-related complications. Research continues to demonstrate the health benefits of consuming dairy products, particularly for children.

Throughout my time in the Senate, I have worked to keep my State's dairy industry healthy and strong. I have fought attempts to create and perpetuate regional disparities in dairy pricing. I have acted on the concerns of many Wisconsinites about the impact of milk protein concentrates on the Wisconsin dairy industry. I have advocated on behalf of the Wisconsin dairy industry to trade negotiators. I will continue to work to keep Wisconsin a leader in the dairy industry.

So here's to good health, a strong agricultural economy, and the pride of America's dairyland as we enjoy Wisconsin dairy products during the National Dairy Month and throughout the rest of the year.●

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK VEST

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, this month marks the end of a distinguished 14-year tenure for Chuck Vest as president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been an excellent leader for this outstanding institution in our State. He has attracted and retained a world class faculty, including Nobel Prize winners. He's maintained an impressive balance between consistency and change to meet the changing needs of the university in the modern high-tech world, and he has developed the research capacity of the institution far beyond its abilities when he took the helm.

His commitment to diversity has also been impressive. In 1990, the undergraduate student body was 34 percent women and 14 percent underrepresented minorities; today the student body is 42 percent women and 20 percent underrepresented minorities—the result of a conscientious effort by President Vest and the community he cared about so much.

His leadership was marked by many innovative reforms. He decided to publish all course material online so that it is freely available to anyone in the